

CLAIMS

1. A wireless communication device comprising:
2 a receiver for receiving an incoming signal;
a transmitter for transmitting an outgoing signal;
4 memory for storing data;
an input device;
6 a processor for accepting input and operably connected to memory for
controlling said transmitter and said receiver while accepting a signal from
8 said input device after receiving an incoming call and placing the wireless
communication device into a delay mode.
2. The device as in claim 1 wherein said transmitter transmits a response upon
2 instruction from the processor, upon the processor receiving a stimulus from
said input device while in delay mode.
3. The device as in claim 2 wherein said response is inaudible locally.
4. The device as in claim 3 wherein a communication link is completed upon
2 entry of a second stimulus from said input device while in delay mode.
5. The device as in claim 4 wherein said communication link is a voice
2 communication link.
6. The device as in claim 4 wherein said communication link is a two way
2 simultaneous voice communication link.
7. The device as in claim 4 wherein said communication link is a data
2 communication link.
8. The device as in claim 4 wherein said communication link is a two way
2 simultaneous data communication link.
9. A method of responding to an incoming call in a wireless communication
2 device including the steps of:
4 (a) receiving an incoming call from a calling party;
(b) determining whether to place the incoming call into a delay mode;
(c) placing the call in delay mode; and

6 (d) completing connection of the call.

10. The method of claim 9 wherein step (b) further includes:

2 (b1) identifying relative status information;

(b2) determining whether to place the incoming call into a delay mode based
4 on relative status information; and

(b3) muting the call locally.

11. The method of claim 10 wherein the relative status is indicative of a called
2 party.

12. The method of claim 11 wherein the relative status of a called party is
2 based upon a user's schedule data.

13. The method of claim 12 wherein the user's schedule data is stored in a
2 personal information manager.

14. The method of claim 13 wherein the user's schedule data is stored in an
2 external database.

15. The method of claim 13 wherein the user's schedule data is stored in an
2 internal database.

16. The method of claim 10 wherein the relative status is indicative of a calling
2 party.

17. The method of claim 16 wherein the relative status is one of a calling party
2 number and address.

18. The method of claim 16 wherein the relative status is the calling party
2 name.

19. A wireless communication device comprising:
2 means for receiving an incoming call from a calling party;
means for determining whether to place the incoming call into a delay mode;
4 means for placing the call in delay mode; and
means for completing connection of the call.

21. The apparatus of claim 20 wherein the relative status is indicative of a
2 called party.

23. The apparatus of claim 22 wherein the user's schedule data is stored in a personal information manager.

25. The apparatus of claim 23 wherein the user's schedule data is stored in an
2 internal database.

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